

Feb 11 – Small Groups - Luke 5:10b-26 “Fishers of Men?”

Read Luke 5:10b - 16

1. If you have heard the phrase “fishers of men” before – how did it shape your understanding of what it meant to follow Jesus?

The original language (Greek) translates the phrase – rescuing people for life or liberating them into life. Luke gives us further clarity of what this might mean by sharing at least two stories to help us understand this aspect of following Jesus.

Read Leviticus 13:1-3, 45-46

2. How do you imagine what life was like for the man “full of leprosy”. How would Jesus’ healing of him have transformed his life?
3. How does this story help us understand what it means to be a fisher of men – liberating people for full life?
4. How does this story clarifying what it means to be a “fisher of men” impact your life personally as a follower of Jesus? Our life as church?

Read Luke 5:14-26

5. Jesus’ work is wholistic in nature but there is priority within it. Luke tells the story in such a way that we see Jesus’ priorities. What were his priorities?
6. The actions of the paralyzed man’s friends reveal what they believe about his deepest need. In Jesus’ response we see him reorient us to the deepest need of the human heart – the forgiveness of sins. What is meant by the forgiveness of sins, and in what ways is the forgiveness of sin the deepest need of the human heart?
7. What do we learn about who Jesus is and what he has come to do from this interaction with the Pharisees?
8. What most stood out to you in this exploration of what it means to “fish for people”? How will this impact your life personally as a follower of Jesus? Spend some time praying into this for one another.